

Editorial Notes and Miscellany.

THE Sept.-Oct. number contained the statement that Dr. Ott's article on the Thermogenetic Apparatus was published in the JOURNAL OF NERVOUS AND MENTAL DISEASE. The article in question appeared in the *Therapeutic Gazette* for August, 1887.

THE Medico-Legal Society makes the following announcement:

The Medico-Legal Society of New York announces the following prizes for original essays on any subject within the domain of medical jurisprudence or forensic medicine:

1. For the best essay—One Hundred Dollars, to be known as the Elliott F. Shepard Prize.
2. For the second best essay—Seventy-five Dollars.
3. For the third best essay—Fifty Dollars.

The prizes to be awarded by a commission, to be named by the President of the Society, which will be hereafter announced.

Competition will be limited to active, honorary, and corresponding members of the Society at the time the award is made.

It is intended to make these prizes open to all students of forensic medicine throughout the world, as all competitors may apply for membership in the society, which now has active members in most of the American States, in Canada and, in many foreign countries.

All details of the award will be determined by the Executive Committee of the Medico-Legal Society of New York.

The papers must be sent to the President of the Medico-Legal Society of New York, on or before April 1st, 1888, or deposited in the Post Office where the competitor resides, on or before that day.

The name of the author of any paper will not be communicated to the Committee awarding the prizes.

All persons desiring to compete for these prizes will please forward their names and addresses to the President or Secretary of the Medico-Legal Society of New York.

In case the essay is written in a foreign tongue, it should be accompanied by a translation into the English language.

THE Council of the American Neurological Association has issued a circular containing the following notice :

In order that the coming meeting of our Association (Sept., 1888) may represent to the best advantage the combined work and thought of its members, the Council is making arrangements to present, at an early date, an outline of the programme to be followed.

Two important subjects have already been arranged for : (1) The relations of Renal Diseases to Diseases of the Nervous System, to be discussed by Drs. R. T. Edes, F. X. Dercum, J. J. Putnam, and E. C. Séguin, and (2) The Pathology of the Muscular Dystrophies, to be discussed by Drs. B. Sachs, P. C. Knapp, G. W. Jacoby, W. R. Birdsall, and C. K. Mills.

These gentlemen will speak from written notes, and it is urgently requested that any others wishing to speak will prepare themselves in a similar manner, and by notifying the Secretary, secure the privilege of being called upon to speak before the debate is thrown open to the meeting.

It seems to the Council desirable that the reading of original papers should not occupy more than thirty minutes (less if possible) and papers read in debate not more than ten minutes, except the opening papers.

If more papers are presented than can be read, the Council will give precedence to those which seem to them the most important and original, and those of which the Secretary is earliest notified. For this reason, as well as to insure good discussions, members are urged to signify their intention to read at as early a day as practicable.

The Constitution provides that the Secretary must be notified of all papers at least one month before the meeting, but it is hoped that the co-operation of the members will make it possible to issue a provisional programme much earlier than this, and any one signifying his intention to make a communication of real value may be assured that sufficient time will be secured, for him and for those who wish to speak upon the same subject, to be fully heard.

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WITH this issue, the present Editor's connection with the JOURNAL ceases. He feels it incumbent upon himself to make some sort of explanation of this step to the many friends and contributors who have assisted him in his endeavors to make the JOURNAL the foremost journal of neurology in this country. The ordinary excuse that the Editor retires "from stress of professional duties" is not offered in this instance. While the Editor's time is amply filled with the duties of active practice, he would not have shunned the arduous task of editing the JOURNAL OF NERVOUS AND MENTAL DISEASE; but he could not make time both to edit the JOURNAL and to look after its business interests. For the latter task the inclination, too, was wanting.

The JOURNAL has in many ways been a severe drain upon the Editor's resources, but it is some satisfaction to know that during the past two years the standing of the JOURNAL has been a very high one; and that it has been a credit to American medical science. It is to be hoped that the readers of the JOURNAL will subscribe to this opinion.

The JOURNAL now passes into the hands of Dr. G. M. Hammond, of this city, who enters upon his new duties with the best wishes of the retiring Editor.